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Dear Sir:

In response to the communication dated September 23, 2003, due for response

December 23, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.